

## Introduction

Bill Nelson, P.E.

GLHN Architects & Engineers

Ron Schneider

Trane Commercial Systems

- ▶ Variable Flow, Chilled Water
- ▶ Solving Existing Building Problems
- ▶ Case Study - University of Arizona
- ▶ Q & A

06/18/2002

1

## Introduction

Bill Nelson, P.E.

GLHN Architects & Engineers



- ▶ Variable Flow, Chilled Water
- ▶ Solving Existing Building Problems
- ▶ Case Study - University of Arizona
- ▶ Q & A

06/18/2002

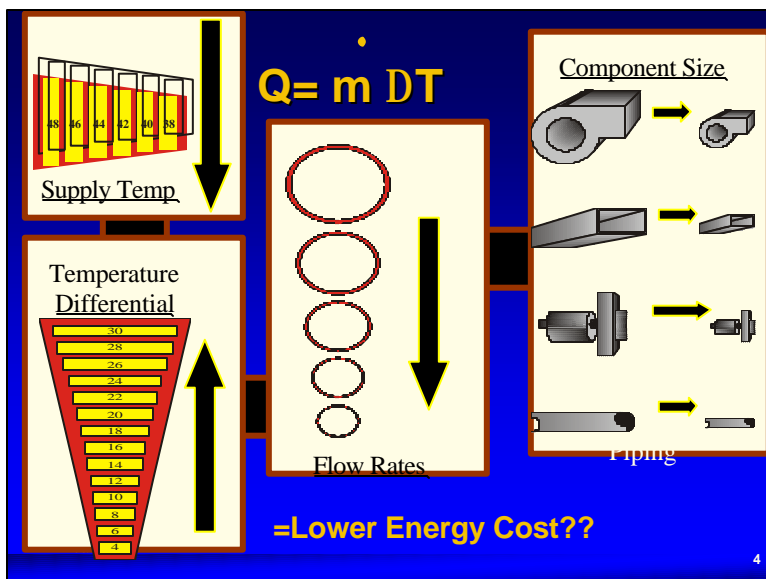
2

## Purpose of Today's Presentation

- ◆ Learn How To Optimize Chiller Plants to Achieve Remarkable Energy Saving and Capacity increases
- ◆ Learn Some "New Thinking" & Case Studies
- ◆ Provide Handout Material - Useful Sizing Guides

06/18/2002

3



4

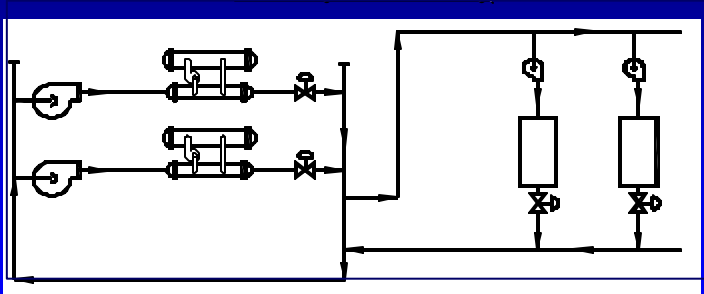
# Variable Flow, Chilled Water

06/18/2002

5

## Variable Flow in Chilled Water Systems

Primary / Secondary



06/18/2002

6

# Variable Flow in Chilled Water Systems

Primary / Secondary / Tertiary

06/18/2002

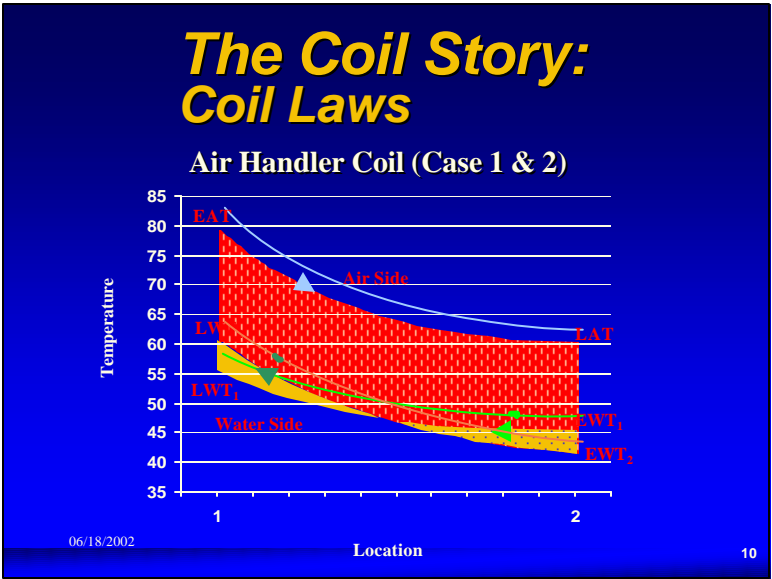
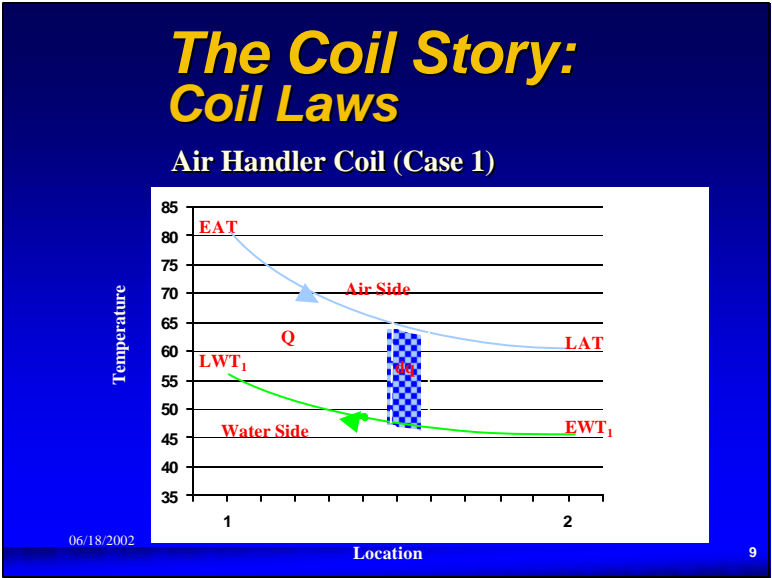
7

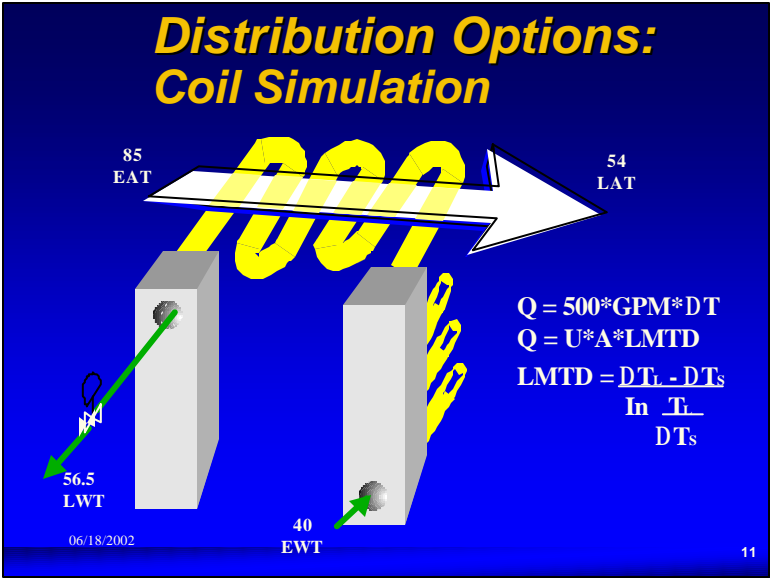
# Variable Flow in Chilled Water Systems

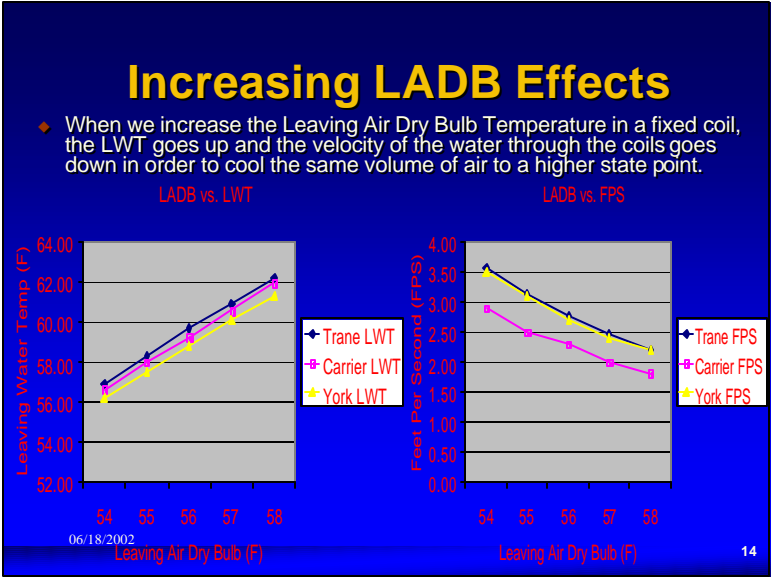
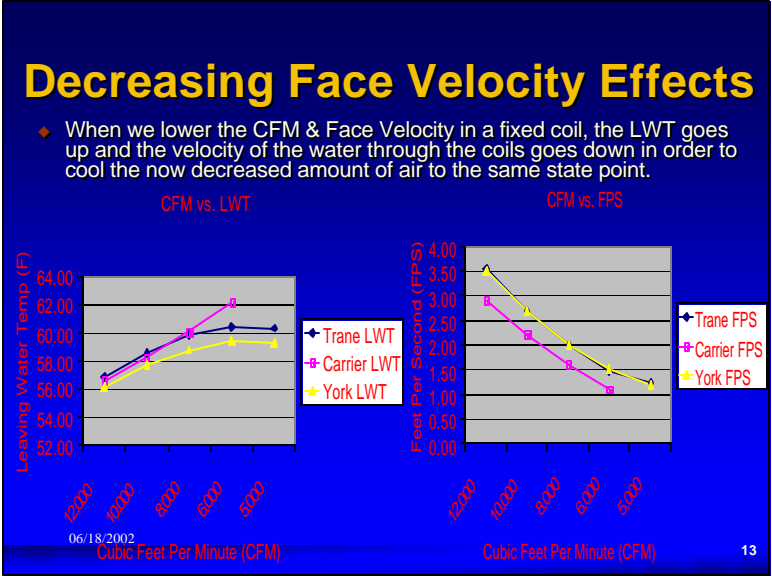
Direct Primary

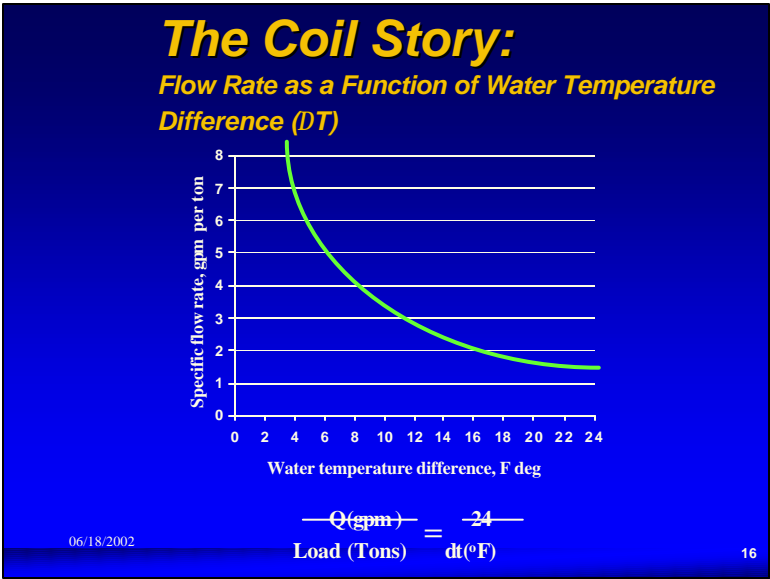
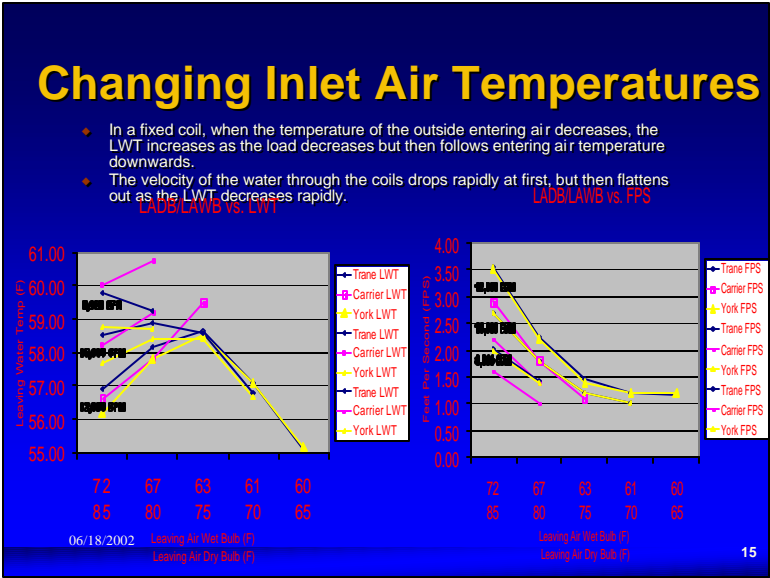
06/18/2002

8

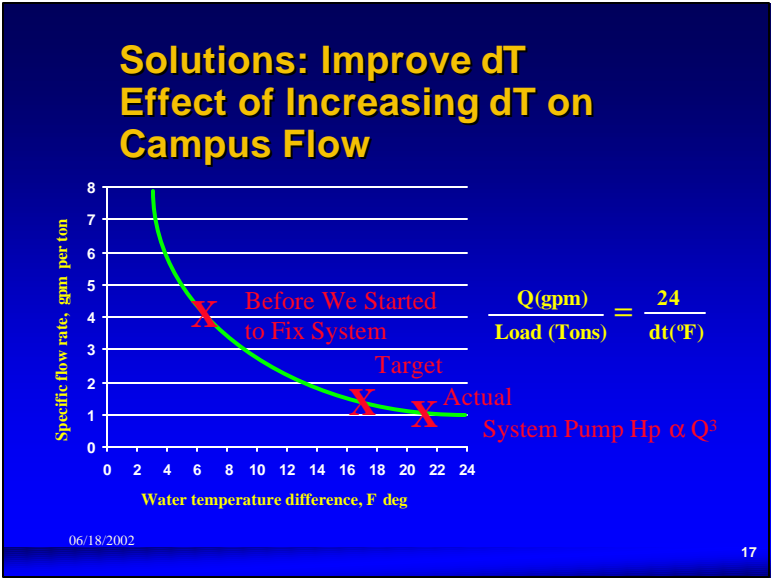












**But What About the Chillers?**

Colder leaving water means - more energy?

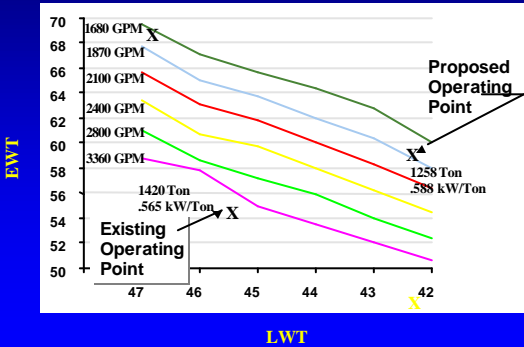
???

**Is This True?**

06/18/2002

18

**Solutions: Improve dT**  
**Effect of Increasing dT on**  
**Chiller Performance**



06/18/2002

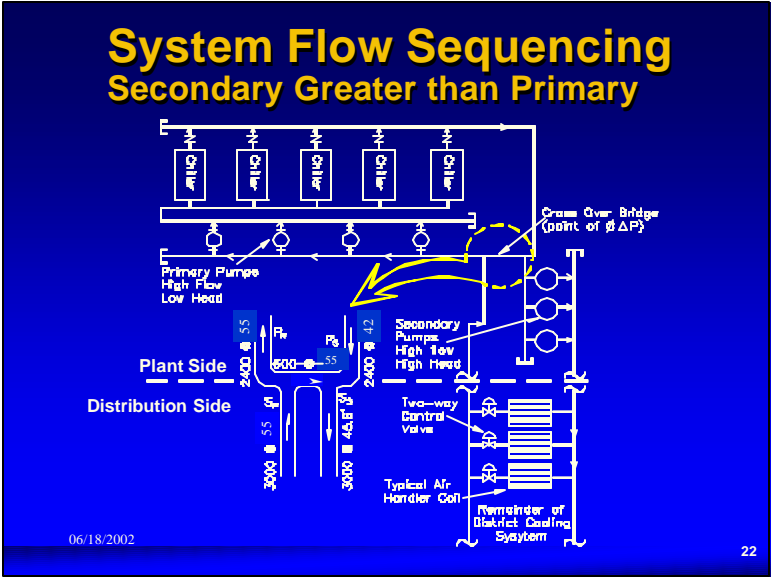
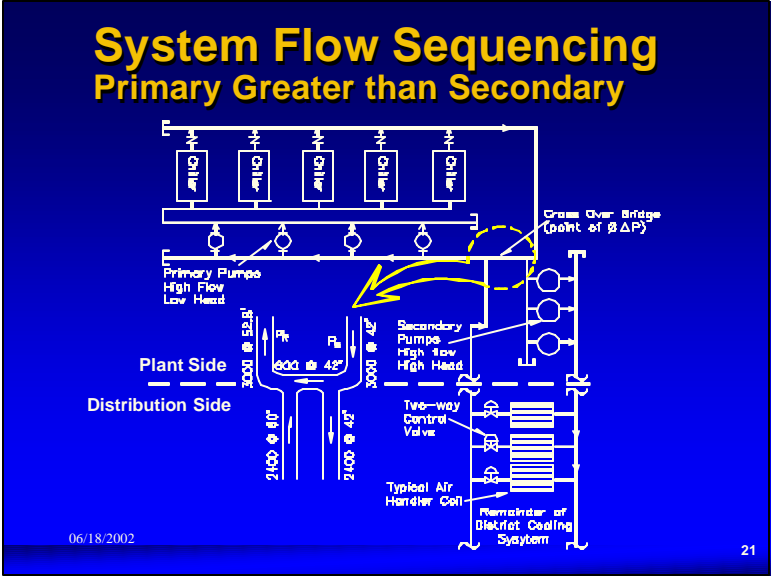
19

**Solving Existing**  
**Building/Plant**  
**Problems**

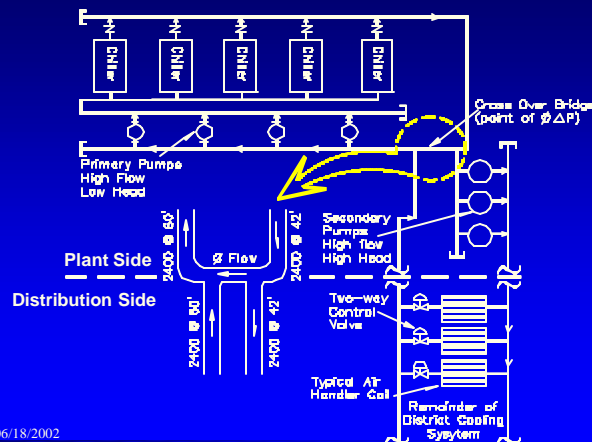
**Beware of Primary/Secondary**  
**Systems**

06/18/2002

20



## System Flow Sequencing Primary Synchronized with Secondary



06/18/2002

23

## Solving Existing Building System Problems

- ◆ Cannot Get Adequate Chiller Water or Cold Enough Water To the Buildings
- ◆ Let's Look at Case Studies:

06/18/2002

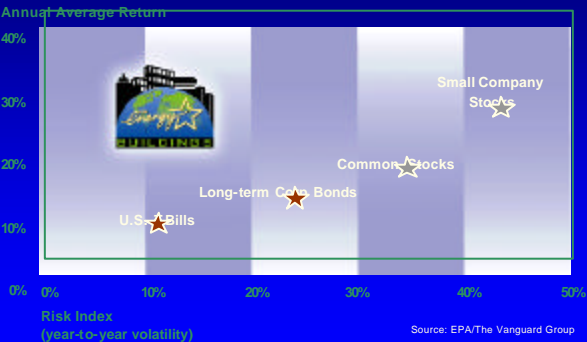
24

# Solving Existing Building System Problems

06/18/2002

25

# Existing Buildings Financial Opportunities



06/18/2002

26

## Existing Buildings Low Flow Low Temp System Opportunities

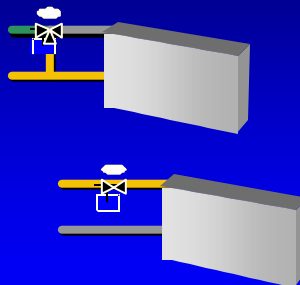
- ◆ Waterside: aging chiller plants
  - ▶ Hydraulic opportunities
  - ▶ Energy opportunities
- ◆ Controls:
- ◆ Airside:
  - ▶ Acoustical problems?
  - ▶ Short of capacity?
- ◆ Use existing infrastructure



06/18/2002

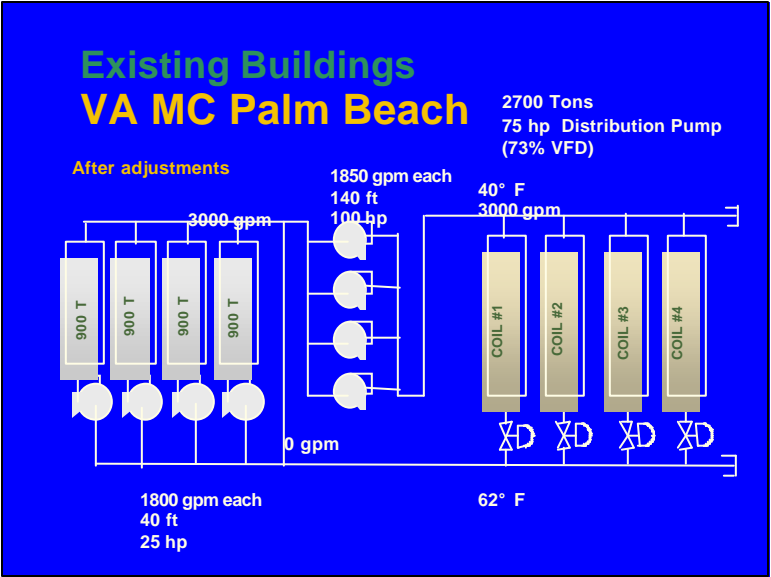
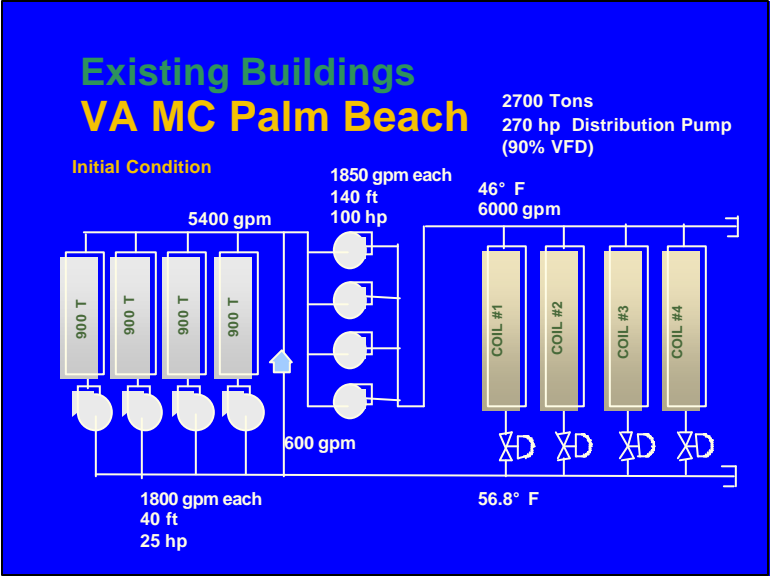
## Existing Buildings Coil DT Pirates

- ◆ Coil bypass
- ◆ Three-way valves
- ◆ Leakage
- ◆ Excess pressure
- ◆ Calibration
- ◆ Inaccurate control
- ◆ Pressure independent valves!



06/18/2002

28



## Existing Buildings Airside Opportunities

EWI	WTR	LWT	GPM	MBH
47 °F	6.5	53.5 °F	336	1,089
46 °F	8.3	54.3 °F	263	1,089
45 °F	10.0	55.0 °F	218	1,089
44 °F	11.7	55.7 °F	186	1,089
43 °F	13.4	56.4 °F	163	1,089
42 °F	15.0	57.0 °F	146	1,089
41 °F	16.6	57.6 °F	132	1,089
40 °F	18.1	58.1 °F	120	1,089



06/18/2002

31

## Existing Buildings Halliburton Energy, Carrollton, TX

- ◆ Waterside:
  - ▶ Chillers: (4) 1000 tons with 56 to 40 LWT
  - ▶ 1,000,000 gallon thermal storage
  - ▶ All 3-way valves changed to 2-way
- ◆ Airside Conditions:
  - ▶ AHU's: (7) #80 @ 47 LAT (@ 55 LAT >#100's)
- ◆ Controls:
  - ▶ Retrofitted to today's technology!

06/18/2002

32



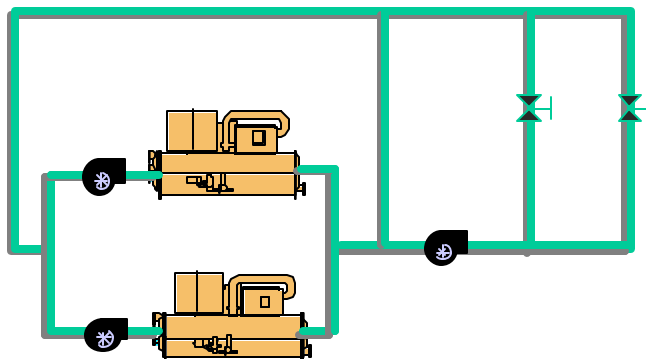
## Existing Buildings Current Hospital Renovation

- ◆ Upgraded Design Conditions:
  - Chillers: 5200 tons with 54 to 38 LWT
  - Cooling Towers: 85 to 100
  - Converted to Variable-Primary Flow
  - Retrofitted controls to today's technology
- ◆ Savings Over Traditional Design:
  - \$500,000 in first cost! (less pumps & smaller pipes)
  - \$300,000 first year operating savings!

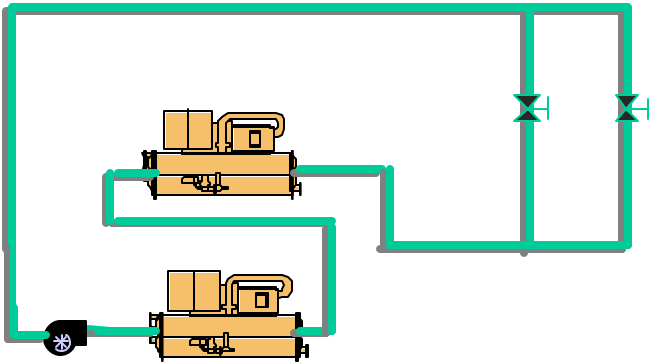
06/18/2002

33

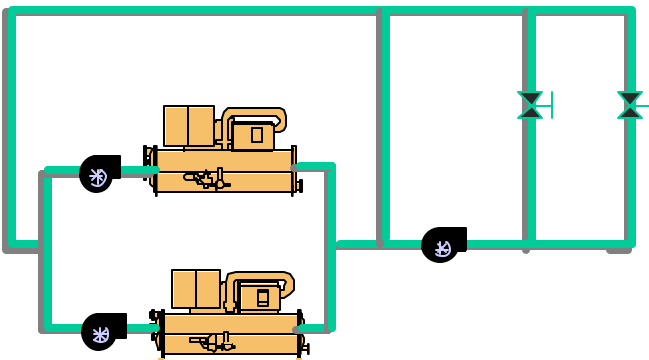
## Existing Buildings Chiller Efficiency Upgrade?

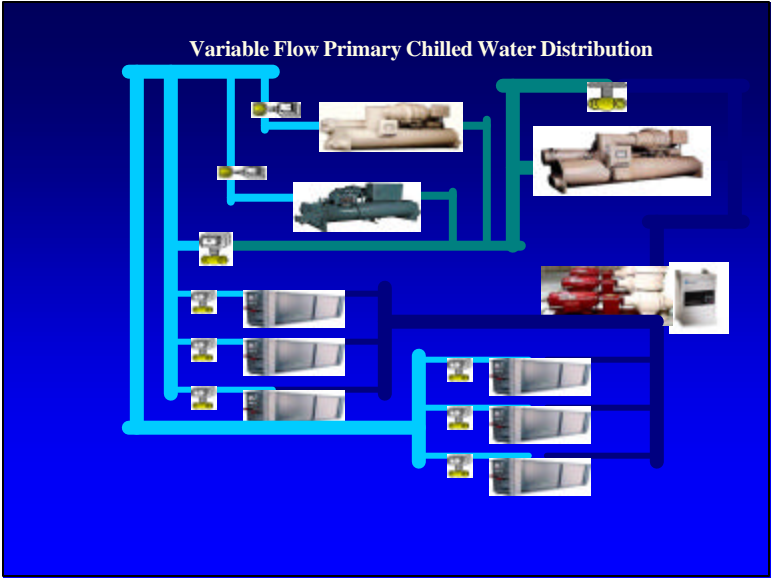
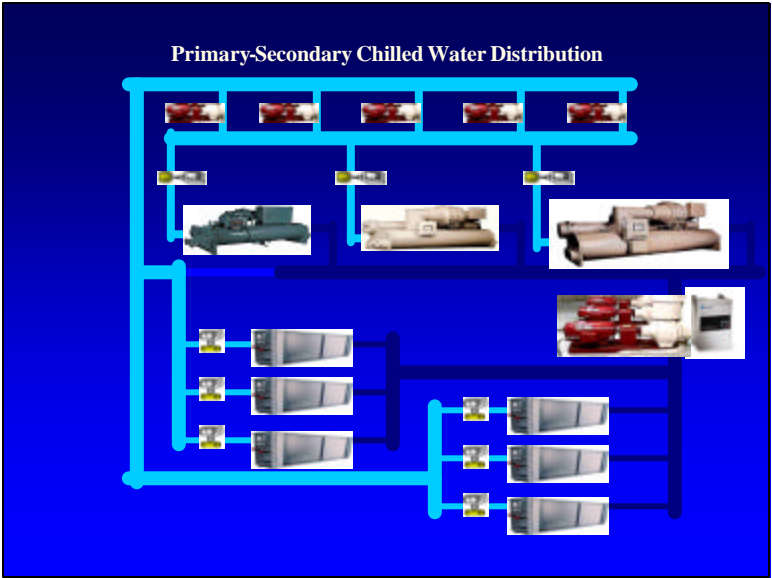


Existing Buildings  
How about Series Variable Flow?



Existing Buildings  
Adding an additional chiller?





## Existing Buildings What about the cooling tower?

- ◆ For example, consider an existing system with:

- ▶ Pipes
- ▶ Pumps
- ▶ Cooling Tower

500 tons x 3 gpm/ton = 1500 gpm

750 tons x 2 gpm/ton = 1500 gpm

Up to 50% more capacity!



06/18/2002

9

## Existing Buildings Memphis Office Building

- ◆ Existing Situation:
  - ▶ Could not maintain comfort if OSA was over 90 degrees!
- ◆ Owner knows one chiller has to go
- ◆ Previous Proposals:
  - ▶ Short of airflow so...
  - ▶ Replace AHU's, ductworks, chillers, tower, etc.
- ◆ Is there a better solution?

06/18/2002

40

## Existing Buildings Memphis Office Building

- ◆ Existing Situation:
  - ▶ Could not maintain comfort if OSA was over 90 degrees!
- ◆ Previous Proposals:
  - ▶ Replace AHU's, ductworks, chillers, etc.
- ◆ Low Flow Low Temp Solution:
  - ▶ Use existing AHU's, ductwork, tower, etc.

Solution's to existing buildings using low flow low temp

41

## Low Flow Low Temp New Construction Project



- ◆ J. D. Edwards, Denver, CO
- ◆ Owner occupied office campus
- ◆ Each building 190,000 sq. ft
- ◆ Budgeted and bid with rooftops!
- ◆ Owner wanted chilled water

42

## Low Flow Low Temp Waterside Installed Cost

<b>Component</b>	<b>18°F DT</b>	<b>10°F DT</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Labor	\$26,639	\$31,649	(\$ 5,011)
Pipe & fitting	\$54,711	\$88,177	(\$33,466)
Valves/special (\$14,529)	\$22,448	\$36,977	
Insulation	\$ 5,888	\$ 7,038	(\$ 1,150)
Pumps 1,428)	\$ 3,091	\$ 4,519	(\$
Chillers			\$ 2,760*
Cooling Towers			(\$ 1,280)
Electrical			(\$ 460)
<b>Total</b>			<b>(\$57,324) or \$.30/sq. ft.</b>

## Low Flow Low Temp System Airside Installed Cost

<b>Item</b>	<b>45°F Cost</b>	<b>55°F Cost</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Labor	\$167,956	\$174,715	(\$ 6,759)
AHU's	\$180,343	\$208,520	(\$28,176)
VAV's	\$158,374	\$165,242	(\$ 6,868)
Sheetmetal	\$ 70,095	\$ 86,456	(\$16,362)
Subtotal	\$576,768	\$634,932	(\$58,164)
Electrical			(\$ 5,950)
<b>Total</b>			<b>(\$64,114) or \$.34/sq. ft.</b>

**Low Flow Low Temp System  
Total System Installed Cost**

<b>Component</b>	<b>45°F Cost</b>	<b>55°F Cost</b>	<b>Variance</b>
Airside	\$576,768	\$634,932	(\$ 58,164)
Wetside	<u>\$111,497</u>	<u>\$168,361</u>	<u>(\$ 56,864)</u>
Subtotals	\$688,265	\$803,293	(\$115,028)
Electrical (airside)			(\$ 5,950)
Electrical (wetside)			(\$ 460)
Total			<b>(\$121,438) or \$.64/sq. ft.</b>

06/18/2002

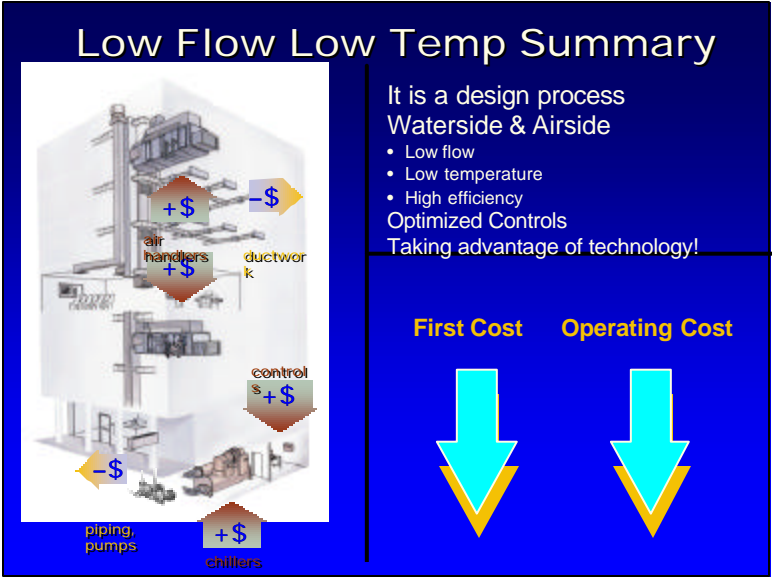
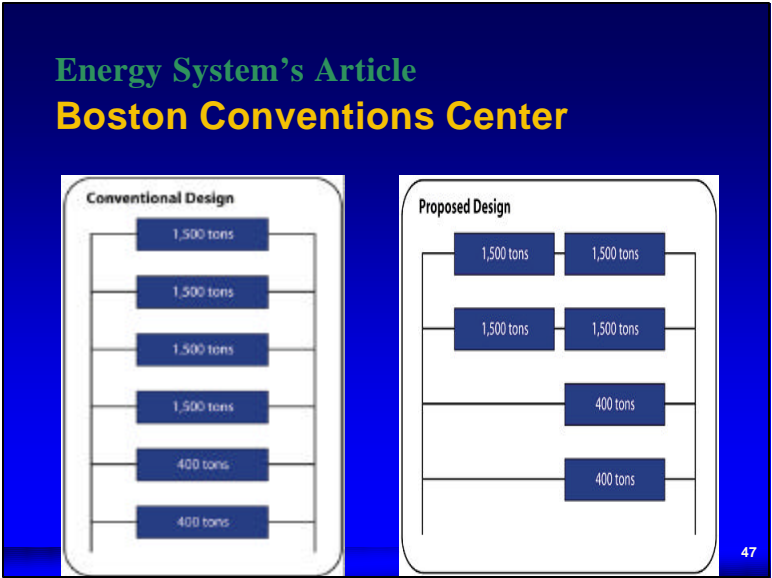
45

**Low Flow Low Temp System  
Installed Cost Savings**

- ◆ \$0.64 per square foot
- ◆ 6% of the entire HVAC system !!!
- ◆ \$240 / Ton
- ◆ JD Edwards: ASHRAE Award



06/18/2002





## Existing Buildings Low Flow Low Temp System Opportunities?

Major University:

- ◆ Pumps: 1000 HP running!
- ◆ Chillers: 600 tons



06/18/2002

## Case Studies

- ◆ University of Illinois, Urbana / Champaign
- ◆ University of Illinois, Chicago, East Campus
- ◆ University of Illinois, Springfield
- ◆ University of Chicago
- ◆ Colorado College
- ◆ **Northern Arizona University**
- ◆ University of Arizona
- ◆ University of New Mexico
- ◆ University of Arkansas
- ◆ New Mexico State University



06/18/2002

50

## Chilled Water System Improvements at the University of Arizona



### Presentation Outline

Background

Problems

Solutions

Results

06/18/2002

52

## Background



### ◆ Campus Statistics

- ▶ 35,000 Students
- ▶ 12 Million sf
- ▶ 130 Buildings
- ▶ 5 Miles of Tunnels
- ▶ 28,300 Tons of Refrigeration
- ▶ 35 MW Peak
- ▶ \$16 M Electric
- ▶ \$3 M Gas

06/18/2002

53

## Background

### Problems

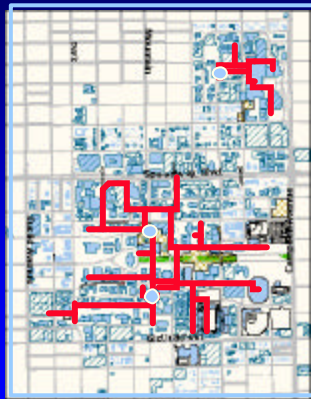
### Solutions

### Results

06/18/2002

54

## Problem Statement: Before 1990



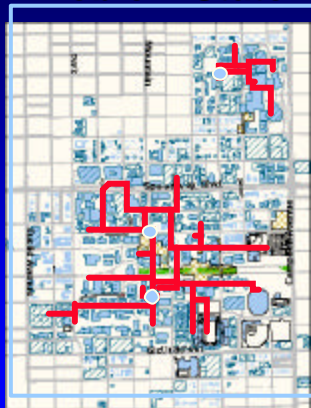
### ◆ Technical Problems

- Inadequate Building Pressure at Extents
- Insufficient Plant Capacity
- Untreated Piping System
- High Operational Cost
- Trend Toward Stand Alone Building Systems

06/18/2002

55

## Problem Statement: Before 1990



### ◆ Management Problems

- Campus Growth Outstripping Utility System Capabilities
- Utility Production & Distribution Efficiencies Tanking
- Lack of a Long Term Development Plan or Vision

06/18/2002

56

## Problem Statement: Before 1990

- ◆ Inadequate Building Pressure at Extents
  - Low supply-return temperature split at buildings means high flow/ton from plant
  - High flow means high pressure drops from plant to distant buildings
  - Valves lift off near plant
  - Addition of Booster Pumps at distant buildings and Return Pressure > Supply Pressure
  - Operation of "Dead Chillers" to improve distribution flow

06/18/2002

57

## Problem Statement: Before 1990



- ◆ Plant Capacity
  - Aging Chiller Fleet
  - Entirely R-11 and R-12
  - 1.0-1.2 kW/Ton
  - Plugged Tubes
  - Dedicated Chiller Piping
  - Refrigerant Leaks
    - 2 K lbs. R12
    - 1500 lbs. R11 annual loss
  - Noisy

06/18/2002

58

## Problem Statement: Before 1990



- ◆ Piping system
  - No Shutdowns: Poor Isolation
  - Interior Corrosion and Scale, Rust, Plastic Bags, etc.
  - Thinwall Pipe

06/18/2002

59

Background

Problems

**Solutions**

Results

06/18/2002

60

## Solutions: 1990 - 2001

- ◆ Phased Approach
  - Production
  - Distribution
  - Operations
  - Management
- ◆ Phase I - V Complete
- ◆ Phase VI in Planning
- ◆ Funding
  - Infrastructure Renewal
  - Support from Capital Projects
- ◆ Support of Administration
- ◆ Training

06/18/2002

61

## Solutions: 1990-2001

- ◆ Construct New Production Plant at weakest part of Campus (CRB)
- ◆ Improve Building System Temperature Differential and Plant flow/ton
- ◆ Interconnect Plants Physically then Operationally
- ◆ Convert distribution system from Radial Arms to Interconnected Grid
- ◆ Replace and Expand Production Capacity
  - CFC Phase Out
- ◆ Integrate Central Plant Automation

06/18/2002

62

## Solutions: Construct CRB



- ◆ Initial Capacity
- ◆ Piping Configuration
- ◆ Hydronic Economizer
- ◆ Neighborhood Issues
- ◆ Noise
- ◆ Odors
- ◆ Aesthetics

06/18/2002

63

## Solutions: Improve dT System Improvement Components

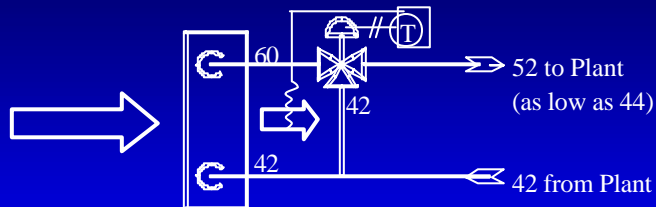
- ◆ Coil Control Valves
  - Replace 3-Way Valves
  - Recalibrate 2-Way Valves
  - Eliminate Other Sources of Mixing
- ◆ Pumps
  - Remove Secondary Pumps in Buildings
  - Install New VFD Pumps at Plants
  - Revise Pressure Control Philosophy
- ◆ Chillers
  - Add Controls to Allow Variable Flow
  - Lower Set Point from 45 to 42 F

06/18/2002

64



### Solutions: Improve dT Coil Control Valve Mechanics



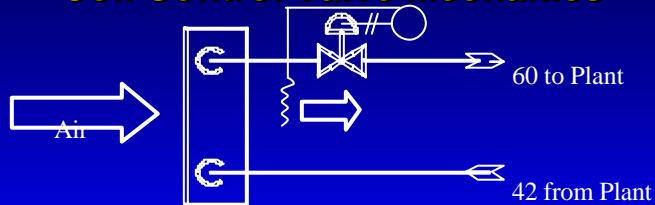
Three Way Valve

- ◆ Maintains Constant Flow to Plant
- ◆ Contaminates Return Temperature

06/18/2002

65

### Solutions: Improve dT Coil Control Valve Mechanics



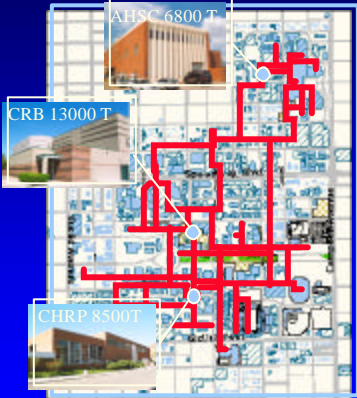
Two Way Valve

- ◆ Variable Flow
- ◆ No Mixing
- ◆ Potential to Lift Off Seat at about 20 lbs.

06/18/2002

66

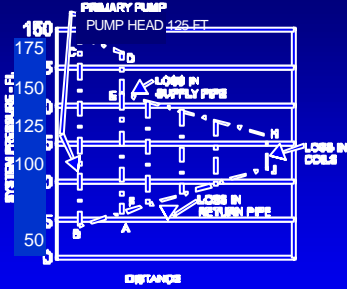
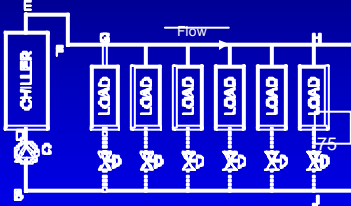
### Solution: Interconnect Plants



- ◆ Technical Solution
  - Connect Pipes
- ◆ Operational Solution
  - Coordination
  - Communication
  - Control Strategies

06/18/2002

### Solution: Convert to Grid Radial Distribution with Plant Pumping

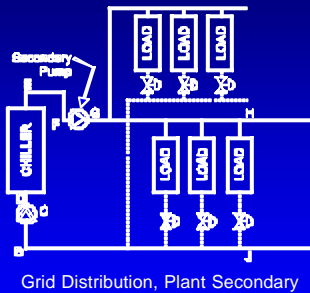


Radial Distribution, Plant Pumping

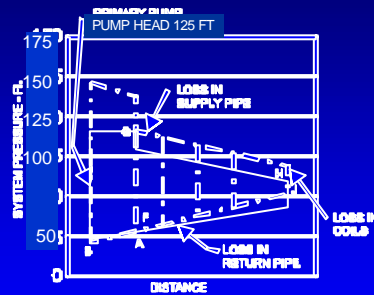
Pressure Gradient:  
Radial Distribution Plant Pumping

06/18/2002

## Solution: Convert to Grid Grid Distribution with Plant Pumping



Grid Distribution, Plant Secondary



Pressure Gradient:  
Grid Distribution Plant Secondary

06/18/2002

69

## Solution: Convert to Grid



- ◆ Large Diameter Direct Buried Pipe Rings Campus
- ◆ Very Little Distribution Pressure Loss
- ◆ Very Amenable to Load and Building Growth
- ◆ Storage

06/18/2002

70

## Solution: Replace and Expand Capacity

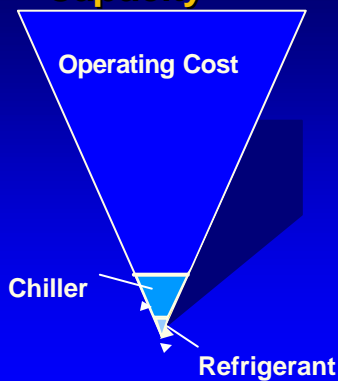


- ◆ 16,500 Tons in 3 Years
- ◆ Dual Compressor
- ◆ Single Pass Counterflow
- ◆ R 123
- ◆ Low noise
- ◆ Modular Size
- ◆ High Turn Down
- ◆ Low Pressure Drop

06/18/2002

71

## Solution: Replace and Expand Capacity



- ◆ Evaluate Chiller Bids with Life Cycle Economics using Realistic Operational Profile
- ◆ High Efficiency
- ◆ Include Maintenance Costs in Life Cycle Economics

06/18/2002

72

## Solution: Clean Up Water



- ◆ Side Stream Filtration
- ◆ Color Water
- ◆ Treat Water

06/18/2002

73

Background

Problems

Solutions

**Results**

06/18/2002

74

## 2001 Results

- ◆ Circa 1990
  - System  $\Delta T$  range
    - 4 F-11 F
  - Oldest Chiller: +25yrs
  - Avg: .85 kW/ton
  - Annual kW with xxx sf
  - CFC loss/yr- lots
  - Fouled Piping System
- ◆ Circa 2000
  - System  $\Delta T$  range
    - 16 F-21 F
  - Oldest Chiller: 15 yr
  - Avg: .52 kW/ton
  - Annual kW with yyy s
  - CFC/ loss yr-none
  - Clean Piping System

06/18/2002

75

## Future

- ◆ Ongoing Optimization
- ◆ Interface with Combined Heat and Power Operation
- ◆ Interesting Opportunities for Ice Storage at CRB
- ◆ Encourage Optimized Ownership of Systems by Operators and Maintenance People
- ◆ Continue to Look at Ways to Keep  $\Delta T$  Up

06/18/2002

76

## Elements of Success

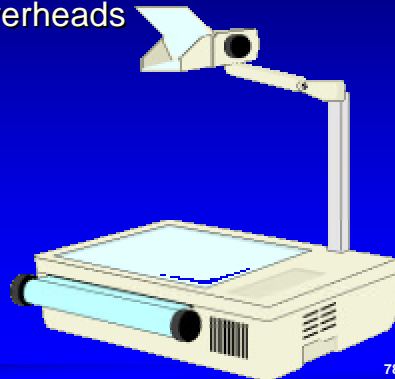
- ◆ Continuity of Administrative Support
- ◆ Implementation of Management to Overcome Operational Inertia
- ◆ Fortitude to Work Through Cost and Campus Disruption Issues to Solve Problem

06/18/2002

77

## HVAC System: Chilled Water

- ◆ Capacity--See Overheads



06/18/2002

78

CHILLED WATER PIPING CAPACITY

TONS Capacity  
(1000 Btu)

Area

BURIED PIPE			WATER SIDE TEMPERATURE RISE, DT							
Pipe Diameter (in)	GPM	Ft/100ft Cost	10°F	12°F	14°F	16°F	18°F	20°F	24°F	
48	106 FPS 420 HP \$1400/LF		25,000 (7,500)	30,000 (9,000)	35,000 (10,500)	40,000 (12,000)	45,000 (13,500)	50,000 (15,000)	60,000 (18,000)	
42	92 FPS 360 HP \$1000/LF		16,000 (4,800)	20,000 (6,000)	24,000 (7,200)	27,000 (8,100)	30,000 (9,000)	34,000 (10,200)	40,000 (12,000)	
36	84 FPS 336 HP \$1000/LF		12,500 (3,800)	15,000 (4,500)	17,500 (5,300)	20,000 (6,000)	22,500 (6,800)	25,000 (7,500)	30,000 (9,000)	
30	73 FPS 292 HP \$800/LF		8,000 (2,400)	10,000 (3,000)	12,000 (3,600)	13,000 (3,900)	15,000 (4,500)	17,000 (5,100)	20,000 (6,000)	
24	65 FPS 260 HP \$700/LF		5,000 (1,500)	6,000 (1,800)	7,000 (2,100)	8,000 (2,400)	9,000 (2,700)	10,000 (3,000)	12,000 (3,600)	
18	53 FPS 212 HP \$600/LF		3,000 (900)	3,500 (1,050)	4,000 (1,200)	4,500 (1,350)	5,000 (1,500)	6,000 (1,800)	7,000 (2,100)	
16	50 FPS 200 HP \$550/LF		2,000 (600)	2,500 (750)	3,000 (900)	3,500 (1,050)	3,800 (1,140)	4,000 (1,200)	5,000 (1,500)	
14	43 FPS 172 HP \$400/LF		1,700 (500)	2,000 (600)	2,400 (720)	2,700 (810)	3,000 (900)	3,400 (1,020)	4,000 (1,200)	
12	37 FPS 148 HP \$350/LF		1,250 (380)	1,500 (450)	1,800 (540)	2,000 (600)	2,300 (690)	2,500 (750)	3,000 (900)	
10	30 FPS 120 HP \$300/LF		800 (240)	1,000 (300)	1,200 (360)	1,300 (400)	1,500 (450)	1,700 (510)	2,000 (600)	
8	22 FPS 88 HP \$250/LF		500 (150)	600 (180)	700 (210)	800 (240)	900 (270)	1,000 (300)	1,200 (360)	
6	16 FPS 64 HP \$200/LF		250 (75)	300 (90)	350 (105)	400 (120)	450 (135)	500 (150)	600 (180)	
4	10 FPS 40 HP \$150/LF		80 (24)	100 (30)	120 (36)	130 (40)	150 (45)	170 (51)	200 (60)	

GPM's were selected to maintain water velocities (V) below 10 fps, and pressure drop (ft) below 17/100 for large size pipes. The GPM values for smaller size pipes were selected to maintain water velocities below 7 fps, and pressure drop below 4'/100'. The velocities and friction drop values are according to Cameron, (C=100).

1000' of gross sq. ft. of building are figured at 300 GSF/ton. I.e. (10,500) indicates that approximately 10,500,000 GSF can be air-conditioned with 35,000 tons. For heavy research areas use 220 GSF/ton.

HP values to pump the water through 1000' return calculated using:

$HP = \frac{GPM \times TDH}{3960 \times 7.5}$        $TDH = \frac{2000 \times f}{100}$

STEAM SYSTEM PIPING CAPACITY

1000 Btu/hr  
(1000 Btu)  
Area

Steam Quantity  
Feedwater Pump/HP

BURIED PIPE		INITIAL PRESSURE (psig)									
Diameter (in)	Stm/Cond	Cost	Δ P/100 ft - TOTAL Δ P								
			SATURATED TEMPERATURE (°F)								
			15	30	50	100	125	150	250		
			0.4 - 4	0.6 - 8	0.8 - 12	1.2 - 20	1.6 - 26	2 - 32	3 - 50		
			250	270	300	340	350	370	400		
24"/10"	\$850/LF		100 (1,500)	200 (3,000)	300 (4,500)	600 (9,000)	700 (10,000)	1,000 (15,000)	1,500 (22,000)		
			[5]	[15]	[40]	[150]	[250]	[400]	[1,000]		
20"/8"	\$700/LF		70 (1,000)	150 (2,200)	200 (3,000)	400 (6,000)	450 (6,800)	700 (10,000)	850 (14,000)		
			[3]	[15]	[30]	[100]	[150]	[250]	[800]		
18"/8"	\$650/LF		50 (750)	100 (1,500)	150 (2,200)	300 (4,500)	350 (5,200)	500 (8,000)	700 (10,000)		
			[2]	[10]	[20]	[75]	[120]	[200]	[500]		
16"/6"	\$600/LF		40 (600)	70 (1,000)	100 (1,500)	200 (3,000)	250 (3,800)	400 (6,000)	500 (8,000)		
			[1]	[5]	[15]	[50]	[100]	[150]	[400]		
14"/6"	\$550/LF		25 (380)	50 (750)	80 (1,200)	150 (2,200)	170 (2,500)	250 (3,800)	350 (5,200)		
			[1]	[4]	[10]	[40]	[75]	[100]	[300]		
12"/4"	\$500/LF		20 (300)	40 (600)	60 (900)	120 (1,800)	150 (2,200)	200 (3,000)	300 (4,500)		
			[1]	[3]	[10]	[30]	[50]	[75]	[200]		
10"/4"	\$450/LF		15 (220)	25 (380)	40 (600)	70 (1,000)	80 (1,200)	120 (2,000)	200 (3,000)		
			[1]	[2]	[5]	[20]	[25]	[50]	[150]		
8"/4"	\$400/LF		7 (100)	15 (220)	20 (300)	40 (600)	50 (750)	70 (1,000)	100 (1,500)		
			[1]	[1]	[2]	[10]	[15]	[30]	[75]		
6"/3"	\$350/LF		7 (100)	15 (220)	20 (300)	40 (600)	50 (750)	70 (1,000)	100 (1,500)		
			[1]	[1]	[1]	[5]	[7]	[15]	[30]		
4"/1.5"	\$300/LF		1 (15)	2 (30)	4 (60)	6 (90)	7 (100)	10 (150)	15 (220)		
			[1]	[1]	[1]	[1]	[2]	[4]	[10]		

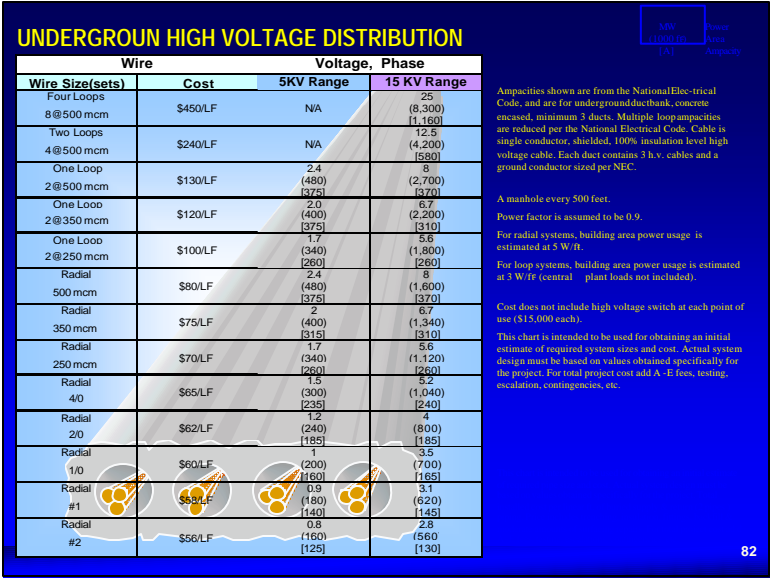
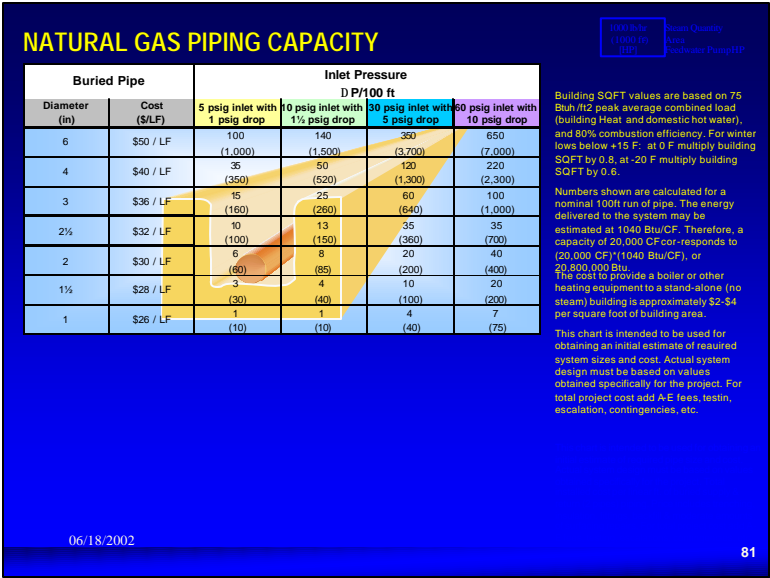
Building SQFT values are based on 60Btu/h/sqft peak average combined load (building heat and domestic hot water). For winter lows below +25 F: at 0 F multiply building SQFT by 0.8, at -20 F multiply building SQFT by 0.6.

Steam lines are sized to approximately 10,000 ft/min.

Condensate lines are sized to approximately yield pressure drops less than 2'/100'.

Prices shown are construction cost for a direct buried dual conduit piping system.





# Recap and Questions?

06/18/2002

83